16. (Amended) A method of making a microporous breathable film comprising the steps of:

selecting a film forming a polyolefin precursor, said polyolefin precursor having polypropylene as a majority component;

blending said film forming polyolefin precursor with a filler which is a rigid material having a low affinity for the polyolefin precursor and a lower elasticity than the polyolefin precursor, and having a non-smooth hydrophobic surface such that the filler is about 30% to about 70% of the combined weight of the filler and the polyolefin precursor;

D3

combining said polyolefin precursor/filler blend with an additive selected from a group including a plastomer, an elastomer, a styrenic block copolymer or a combination thereof, wherein said additive has a melt flow index ranging from about 0.8 to about 40 g/10 minutes; and

stretching the combination of said blended polyolefin/filler blend and said additive to form a microporous breathable film having a dart impact strength greater than about 210 grams; and

wherein said film has a WVTR in the range of from about 100 to about 10,000 g/m2/24 hr.

22. (Amended) A method of making a microporous breathable film comprising the steps of:

selecting a film forming a polyolefin precursor, said polyolefin precursor having polypropylene as a majority component;

blending said film forming polyolefin precursor with a filler which is a rigid material having a low affinity for the polyolefin precursor and a lower elasticity than the polyolefin precursor, and having a non-smooth hydrophobic surface such that the filler is about 30% to about 70% of the combined weight of the filler and the polyolefin precursor;

D4

combining said polyolefin precursor/filler blend with an additive selected from a group including a plastomer, an elastomer, a styrenic block copolymer or a combination thereof, wherein said additive has a melt flow index ranging from about 0.8 to about 40 g/10 minutes; and

wherein said film has a WVTR greater than 1000 g/m2/24 hr; and

wherein said film has an MD or TD elongation in the range of from about 150% to about 550%.

28. (Amended) A method of making a microporous breathable film comprising the steps of:

selecting a film forming a polyolefin precursor, said polyolefin precursor having polypropylene as a majority component;

blending said film forming polyolefin precursor with a filler which is a rigid material having a low affinity for the polyolefin precursor and a lower elasticity than the polyolefin precursor, and having a non-smooth hydrophobic surface such that the filler is about 30% to about 70% of the combined weight of the filler and the polyolefin precursor;

D5

combining said polyolefin precursor/filler blend with an additive selected from a group including a plastomer, an elastomer, a styrenic block copolymer or a combination thereof, wherein said additive has a melt flow index ranging from about 0.8 to about 40 g/10 minutes; and

wherein said film has an MD or TD elongation in the range from about 150% to about 550%; and

stretching the combination of said blended polyolefin/filler blend

with an additive to form a microporous breathable film having a dart impact strength in the range of from about 100 to about 300 grams.